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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 21-MAR-2005

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	64-77	67-70	69.67	27

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

74.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

73.88

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Mar-05

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	162,655	165,098

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	176.00	1,239
BREASTS - B/S	152.50	5,637
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00	1,308
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	992
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	6,938
WINGS	106.50	2,935

MIDWEST Preliminary prices were up 1 cent in Chicago for next week's trading. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to firm. Offerings light to adequate with some out front product showing for next week. Movement overall was light to fairly good through all channels retail features, and fast food demand continue providing best consumer interest. Floor stocks were adequate to closely balanced. Weights were desirable. Trading on parts was light and selective. Offerings increasing on breast items, large wings were available leg items snug. The market tone was steady on all items but large wings were cautiously steady to weak.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.60**	64.40**	62.50**	EASTERN REGION	63.10**	63.00**	60.00**
CENTRAL REGION	64.40**	65.43	63.00**	CENTRAL REGION	62.60**	62.00	61.00**
WESTERN REGION	64.80**	64.50**	63.00**	WESTERN REGION	62.80**	62.50**	61.00**

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 12-Mar-2005 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS
Head	157,630
Avg Wt	5.16
Last week	160,095
Same wk yr ago	153,179
Avg Wt	5.06
To-date/2005	1,568,694
To-date/2004	1,532,632

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS THOUSANDS	YOUNG TOMS
Head	1,551	2,477
Avg Wt	16.59	37.81
Last week	1,466	2,470
Same wk yr ago	1,646	2,589
Avg Wt	15.95	36.37
To-date/2005	15,250	25,020
To-date/2004	16,843	24,580

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	121.00	121.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	143.00	143.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	114.00	114.00
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	138.00	138.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	625.70 650.65	642.80
168 3 Round, top inside round	180.78 205.90	185.87
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	545.80 625.70	556.97
Ground Beef 81%	135.00 160.37	144.74

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